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50, PORCHESTER TERRACE  
HYDE PARK

(At Home Thursday mornings,  
or by appointment)

10.2.1907

Dearest!

You are really wonderful!  
All the time that we were  
corresponding ~~to~~ <sup>with</sup> governesses,  
nurses & <sup>of</sup> temperatures you  
were doing this. It is excellent  
& what we wanted. I feel  
~~we~~ shall have a stiff job  
though, as movement grows  
after its initial conception &  
people will say "I may say that  
this close defining is just what  
Lady Isabel by <sup>the</sup> went off to  
a new faction. You remember

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~~they~~ <sup>the</sup> said 'no sabbath, no  
names or' & people may  
contend that any close defining  
of our position may clash  
with <sup>(b)</sup> in objects. Of course  
I don't think so & I am not sure  
that except us <sup>and</sup> a few in their  
objection to make any fuss.  
In fact except <sup>us</sup> I am  
pretty sure of carrying the  
Committee when I talk to them.  
For this reason I was sorry you  
did not give me an opportunity  
of reading as to whether the  
statement should go round to the  
members of the Committee first.  
There are so many as who are  
mere names & never do anything  
(F. Steinthal etc) that it is very

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had lines that objections should  
be raised by those who never  
used take the trouble to  
attend a Committee. Then  
I got the nice first things  
we'd have been different.  
Miss Armpied telephoned  
for instructions, but curiously  
my letter with statement  
only arrived at 10 after she  
had talked to me & I  
subsequently found that you  
had purposely sent instructions  
to her & did not like to  
alter them — Had I had  
mine by first post & been  
able to send it before giving my  
decision I should have wired  
to you — It is the last day  
for sending out Summaries to Committee

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to you think you could  
at you leisure !! send me

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Chapter & verse for each principle  
I think with that one could  
make out the course of  
reading or lecturing.  
I shall put it also most  
useful in working out a  
lecture on our principles  
Re Schools. The whole  
thing is most simple but  
(my hand is tired so I dictate)  
Please do not point anything without  
letting me see it first.

My idea is that you should send  
out again "Suggestions" to all schools  
who seemed interested in it & respond to

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the last, & to those on the list I made  
out with you, & to any others that may  
occur to us. I know several more.

With it you should issue the exact terms  
on which you would admit schools—

I think we discussed this pretty fully,  
viz. fee, test of one child in each  
class, promise to make use of books  
& work set in all subjects except  
languages, science & mathematics, for  
which they would be entitled to be called  
P.N.E.U. schools, we guaranteeing that

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the teaching is on these lines, though  
we take no responsibility as to  
anything else with regard to the schools.

I believe that if you would only  
do this we should get twenty before the  
year is out, & I know this would be  
a measure according to your own  
heart. After all, Miss Gayford,  
Miss Heribitt & Miss Ambler are there,  
& I never speak at any meeting or  
meet any new member without being  
asked what schools work on these lines.  
Miss Brodie, a Welsh lady, a Yorkshire  
lady & a Hunstanton man, or a Miss  
Bertram in Sussex would follow next,  
& I am not sure that Miss Douglas &  
Miss Thompson here would not do the same.

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I feel loath to put any more work  
on you, but I think this would be a  
question of only a few hours' work  
& is one that really only concerns  
you and me.

Yours  
Netta

P.S. We have had to alter quite twelve of the  
names put in. I find you have no list  
of the present executive. The one published  
in the 1903 Report is, of course, for the year  
ending May 1903. Most of the Branch

Representatives are different, & a  
good many other members of the  
Committee have changed.

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11. 2. 4.

Dear Miss Mason.

Thank you for sending me the  
letter. I do not think it would be  
well to change for Miss Hammond.

I hardly think this is the kind of  
work she would like best, & any  
engagement with her would not have  
the elements of permanency.

Moreover, I think she has many of  
the qualities & also of the defects of

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Miss Heath, & that I should not be  
doing much for Olive in changing for  
her. Thank you for letting me  
see both letters.

I hope to hear from Mr. Beckett  
soon; she has not yet joined.

Yours  
Etta

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TELEPHONE,  
No 212 PADDINGTON.

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PORCHESTER TERRACE  
HYDE PARK W

17. 2. 1904

Dearest:

I am very tired & can only send you a line. I arranged the com: for  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour, read your letters & the thing is done. Associates (under diff: name) & Deep gratitude for my in statement — Mrs Clement Parsons thought it the best thing we had ever had. This was Com: present.

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M Schopied most delighted

Wps answer looked like a deathbed = I will send details to  
objeted & wanted us to convert my  
Sister & her mother & knew up Rooper  
Wps Whalerka Thompson  
silent

Wps Stirling "

Wps Clement Parsons approved

most warmly

Wps Rawstorn skeptical /

Wps Glent objects to exams

Wps Webb

Wps Raynor

Wps Herbert Smith

Wps Wurson High school master

Reading repes:

Wps Study took Home. in away  
at same time  
I feel we great ignorance

but more delighted —

I will send details to  
you —

Suse schools already

Indubill

Nesbit

Gayford of the 3 you mentioned

Let me know at once what  
part your request took  
we must write to others.

The enclosed is an  
interesting human document

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yours ever

Retta

Hurrah ! ! !

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TELEPHONE,  
N<sup>o</sup>. 212 PADDINGTON.

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PORCHESTER TERRACE  
HYDE PARK W

8. 3. 1907

Dearest:

Many thanks for your letter.  
You will do 'Comparsis' with  
an introductory statement ready  
for next Committee (March 16<sup>th</sup>)  
and you C. This just & then  
Brooks. I do not quite  
understand about the circular  
and I to communicate with  
Kegan Paul as you? I wish the Pathologist had arrived

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but it may by second post -  
Mrs Whyte is coming to lunch  
& I must take it over with  
her.

I am so glad you are better  
I shall look for all news  
from B. P. — By the way  
I have invested in a type -  
with so far have any  
work done for you that you  
may want -

I have decided to part  
with Mrs Whyte. She is a

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nice woman & a good nurse  
as far as she goes but she  
& I cannot & foresee and  
we are in double harness.

She thinks we are all in  
darkness & need new  
reforms. She may be right but  
naturally I don't see it -  
She cannot grasp big  
principles & therefore one's  
daily criticism becomes  
nagging which won't do.  
~~just~~ It is a horrid nuisance

Esophagus

still for her sake she had  
better go where her management  
which is much better than  
that of most nurses will  
be valued & not depreciated

Yours with love

Hettie

By the by I want to tell you that we  
are getting to like Miss Heath better.  
She herself feels Miss Sweeton's loss  
whom she thought wonderful in her  
management, tact & "plenty" ways  
& is living to the scratch & trying  
to keep Olive & Cyril over a bad  
time. Olive told me I am getting to like  
Miss Heath, she is one of the people  
who want "honesty". By only her  
appearance were better. I think

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TELEPHONE,  
N<sup>o</sup>. 212 PADDINGTON.

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PORCHESTER TERRACE  
HYDE PARK W

it is hopeless as it is hereditary  
as many of my friends knew  
the people at Englefield Green  
& say that her mother though very  
nice was appalling in her  
clothes.

The other  
night Mrs & Mrs Lyman &  
Miss Gray (new headmistress of  
new St Paul's School for girls)  
dined here & I had to make  
an excuse not to have her in  
as ~~dangerous~~ I felt I would  
not introduce her as a  
H. of Ed. Student.

has Miss Sweeten managed him & loves  
to try. He is very fond of her but I don't  
want her at 5 to be separated  
from <sup>TELEPHONE</sup>  
<sup>N° 2222 PADDINGTON.</sup> his wife - <sup>I hope</sup> I shall  
be seated by the Conference

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PORCHESTER TERRACE  
HYDE PARK W

yours Netta

20. 3. 1907

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Dearest:

You shall have the  
"Reading course" back to -  
meow - Mrs Clement Parson  
has it just now. It wants  
revising by you. May I again say  
what was perhaps not quite  
clear that I presumed the  
Pub. circular is to be  
printed up soon & that  
we are to have 3000 -  
Mrs C. Parsons thinks

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more excellent quotations  
which had the "censors"  
met gain in place if the  
author was omitted. She says  
it is not a forcible habit  
among female novelists to  
head their chapters by  
quotations from obscure writers. Hence of Rel:  
& that we should gain what keep the all ups  
by not appearing to "credit" unsuspecting  
you opinion please!

I wish you had had  
be yesterday when I shaved

her the finished thing: "This  
is really perfect, it is  
the whole educational  
philosophy we want,  
it is the gem & heart  
of all her writing except  
"Books", "Gardens"  
& "ourselves".  
What keep the all ups  
friends friend deep works  
to the mother compared  
with this —  
She thinks you have gained  
developed & improved

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thought & style since Hennsd.  
was uttered, a very unusual  
quality for one who is past  
giving "pains" & who might  
be expected to become stereotyped.

"I am not very happy about  
the Henns. She is just a good  
nurse who is willing to follow  
orders but has no interest  
apparently beyond the dressing  
washing & feeding - I shall  
keep her a bit for Michael  
but have hopes that Miss  
Alverhouse may soon be free as  
Tom is getting on. Miss Heath  
is very nice with wife & keeps an  
open house. She says she has watched

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TELEPHONE,  
N<sup>o</sup>. 212 PADDINGTON.

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PORCHESTER TERRACE  
HYDE PARK W.

30.5.1905

Dearest:

You scheme is wonderful but it is too sudden. I feel that to do something with it we must take a view first. As it happens my "ups" by next & a few other "intellectives" have Barnes, Bonar, my Parkin (N Parkin was owing to them absent). Perhaps if you feel up to it I might get you want to come early & see you first. I had thought of that already. I believe & always have believed that you should try &

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seen an occasional big gun.  
a few words from you do more  
than all our talking, but  
not socially, business.  
If you see him & converse  
with him we need get a big  
influential set (say 20).  
in the autumn, but wait it  
would be hurried & unwise  
because we are unprepared  
I haven't anything ready.  
~~I will ask~~ moreover it would  
tie you up <sup>for</sup> journey. I will ask  
Mrs Gray to send a <sup>copy</sup> ~~copy~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~

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50 Rochester Place

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25.1.1908

My Dearest,

Many thanks for your long letter  
I will look into school prospectus & send  
you my news to-morrow & also communicate  
~~the~~ that very encouraging Liverpool letter.  
I know the writer. Miss Ketching did not  
receive acceptance I am trying to see it.  
So much depends on it. I am so unhappy  
because in a previous letter you told me  
that Canon Syddall had written sympathetically  
~~it~~ not mark this private - So in my  
usual pride when your work is appreciated  
I told the wife just that fact. Of course  
that means nothing — Yes Rainier did  
not get to see us & to her owing to fog but  
his amply reports her as most kind &  
likely to start branches both at Freshwater  
& Ryde.  
I am indeed complimented by your asking  
me to be a trustee. I should like it but it is

unless my "lawyer advise" until it is put into a solicitor's form - so may it just go on. Get to a very important point.

I hear tell that up Hyndman is probably going to Colonial Office & up Sadler going to Education Office. Up Hyndman ~~and~~ hardly made his own education act; of course his part was excellent, <sup>the</sup> religious ~~and~~ war not due to him, with his views it could hardly be, but the political tactics pure & simple & how it has been ~~done~~ against those responsible for it.

As regards ourselves & we must look to that first this means:

1. Bring up with your private business so that your solicitor may get the name of up Hyndman or his <sup>private</sup> solicitor at once
2. Ask up Sadler up at once before this report if true comes out.

I have always wanted you to have him up & Manchester is not far, so please do it now. This shows that we ought to get hold of all our friends, they may